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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78777

Masanobu TAKASHIMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/727,996

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 7259

Examiner: Pamela R. Schwartz

Filed: December 05, 2003

For: INK JET RECORDING MEDIUM AND INK JET RECORDING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated September 6, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-15 for examination. This election is made without traverse. In addition to Applicants electing Group I, Applicants also elect the following compound without traverse:

a compound represented by the general formula (IV):



wherein R^7 , R^8 and R^9 each independently represents an aliphatic group, an aromatic group or a heterocyclic group, and L represents a divalent linking group. The elected species is included in claim 5, as well as generic claims 1 and 6-15 identified by the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Claim 16.

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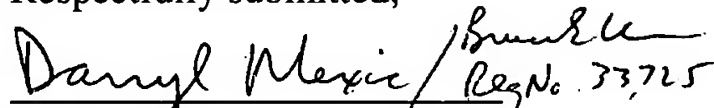
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